

## EACH LEAVES SCHOOL BOARD

Is Arranging to Retire From Business.

### SUCCESSOR NOT NAMED

Everyone Emphasized Statements That Withdrawal Is Not Due to Scandals in Any Sense.

James E. Fitch today tendered to the District Commissioners his resignation as a member of the Board of Education, the resignation to take effect June 1 next.

Commissioner Macfarland said, he would recommend to his associate Commissioners that Mr. Fitch's resignation be accepted. No one has yet been suggested as a successor to Mr. Fitch, who was appointed to the Board July 1 last. In tendering his resignation Mr. Fitch explained that his reason for the action was his intended retirement from business, and his consequent removal from this city. It is understood that he will remove to Haverford, Pa., where he has already built a handsome residence. Mr. Fitch is sixty-nine years old. He was appointed to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George H. Harries.

Not Due to Scandal. The Commissioners said this morning that Mr. Fitch's resignation had no connection whatsoever with the alleged "school scandals" concerning Gen. H. V. Boynton, president of the board, has preferred certain charges against Commissioner Macfarland, recently reflecting on that official's management of the inquiry into the "scandals."

"Mr. Fitch's departure from the Board and the District will be generally regretted," said Commissioner Macfarland today. "He performed excellent service."

The requirements to be met by a man who is appointed to the Board of Education are that he shall have been a bona fide resident and taxpayer of the District for the five years preceding his appointment.

### Mr. Fitch Wants a Rest.

When seen in his office this morning Mr. Fitch said: "I am anxious to dispose of any idea that my resignation from the board is in any way due to the criticisms which have been recently launched at the management of the schools. This is absolutely without foundation as my intention to resign was made known to Commissioner Macfarland, informally more than three months ago."

"I went to see Commissioner Macfarland a few days ago and asked him when would be the proper time for me to send in my resignation, as I proposed leaving the city on June 1. No reference whatever was made to the affairs of the school, for my reasons were, as now, that after forty years of hard work I shall like to retire peacefully from business and go where I shall probably make my home in future."

## RESTORATION OF VALLEY FORGE

Years Ago Practically Forgotten. New Ideas Brought Forward.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., April 25.—The Valley Forge Park Commission will begin its work of improvement as soon as the frost is out of the ground. It is expected that greater progress will be made this season than last, and that before next winter the park will be one of the most beautiful places in the State. The contract for the continuation of the road along the entrenchments, part of which was constructed last year, has been awarded.

### Places of Interest Marked.

The new road will begin at a point on the old Schuylkill road, near Fort Mifflin, and follows the line of entrenchments to Fort Mifflin, a distance of nearly two miles. Many paths have been built from the road to the redoubts and other places of interest, with markers in conspicuous places for the information of visitors. A fence of cedar posts and iron pipe railing has been built along the new road.

Fort Mifflin, built more than 125 years ago, and occupied by Washington and his troops from early in December, 1777, until June 18, 1778, stands out in bold relief, in full view from the old Schuylkill road, and is still in a good state of preservation.

### Shot by a Farmer.

Near the base of the slope of the fort is a lonely grave, with a rough stone marker inscribed: "A Revolutionary Soldier, shot by a Farmer while milking his cow."

A few hundred yards from the grave and along the old Schuylkill road is a handsome monument erected by the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution as a memorial to Capt. John Waterman, of Rhode Island, who achieved fame under Washington.

### Looked After by D. A. R.

The most interesting place in the entire park is Washington's headquarters, built in 1778 by Isaac W. Potts, and occupied by General and Mrs. Washington while the army was encamped at Valley Forge.

The building is now owned by the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution and the Patriotic Sons of America. In front of the building, like a half sentry box, is a cannon which was used by the troops of Washington.

The building has been transformed into a museum and filled with Revolutionary relics, most of which were found on the camp ground. A small admission charge goes toward defraying the expenses of maintenance. About the grounds tables and benches have been placed for the convenience of picnic parties.

### Site of Old Forge.

Beyond the headquarters on the road to New Centerville is Washington Spring, issuing from the base of Mount Misery, pure, clear and sparkling. A little beyond and almost on the park line is the Old Forge, almost obliterated, but marked by a marble slab. Guide boards point to places of interest in the park.

Years ago Valley Forge was practically forgotten, but new generations brought new ideas, until now those who journey to the park in a single season are counted by thousands.

## Young Woman Flings Herself Under Train

Rachel Matchett, Derided by Her Neighbors, Takes This Means to End Her Life and Its Many Troubles.

Rachel Matchett, twenty years old, sought refuge in death, and ended her life yesterday morning by throwing herself under the fast moving wheels of a train at Tenth Street and Maryland Avenue. Her motive seems to have been that she was derided and made game of because she had the misfortune of having a murderer for a father and was not gifted with pleasing features.

The young woman was calm, and plunged deliberately to her death in full view of a horror-stricken crowd. A number of persons screamed to her to save herself, but she did not heed their entreaties, and was ground to pieces by the heavy cars. She was taken to the Emergency Hospital as soon as she could be taken from beneath the cars. Life was not yet extinct, but she begged the physician in charge of the ambulance to let her die, as she wished to end it all and escape further torture at the hands of her tormentors.

After being treated at the hospital for two hours, she died.

Coroner Nevitt viewed the scene and interviewed a number of witnesses and the physician at the Emergency Hospital who attended the unfortunate girl. Later he issued a certificate of death from suicide. The girl's mother was at first prostrated with grief and refused to believe that her daughter had taken her life. After hearing the statement of the witnesses and the physician she became somewhat reconciled and accepted the certificate issued by the Coroner.

Another mother explained that her daughter had been morose and sullen and sat about sucking her thumb from morning until night ever since her father was committed to St. Elizabeth's Asylum for the insane, for the murder of Joseph Gatto, an Italian barber, in a saloon on October 7, 1902. Since his commitment the boys and girls in the neighborhood in which the Matchetts live, taunted the girl because her father was of unsound mind, and called her "monkey," because she was not pretty.

Mrs. Matchett said her daughter left the house yesterday morning to take a walk, and the next she heard of her was that she had thrown herself under the train.

In 1902, William H. Matchett, the father of the young woman, walked into Gatto's shop on Pennsylvania Avenue and quarreled with Gatto. Matchett claimed the Italian had ruined one of his daughters and the girl's father wished to take her child away from her and do away with it. Gatto objected and when he closed his shop Matchett fired five shots at him and killed him instantly.

About 9 o'clock she left home, 321 Seventh Street southwest, ostensibly to take a walk and see a friend. When she neared the Maryland Avenue yard of the Pennsylvania Railroad the gates were lowered and a number of persons stopped to wait until the freight train had passed. Not so with the girl, who had made up her mind to end her life. She stooped under the gate and after pausing for half a moment flung herself beneath the train. Three cars passed over her body before the train was stopped.

Gateman E. J. Cantwell, stationed at Maryland Avenue and Tenth Street, rushed at the girl just as she plunged under the cars. J. H. Van Meter, Mrs. J. M. George, and many others, who were standing at the crossing waiting for the cars to pass, were horrified and the sight was so appalling that they were compelled to turn their heads away.

In a hurry call was sent in for the ambulance. The physician ascertained that both legs were broken and the woman was fatally injured internally.

Realizing that she could not live the injured girl smiled at her triumph, and in a faltering voice said to the doctor: "So I'm going to die at last. What relief I'm glad it's all over and they cannot call me 'monkey' any more. I made up my mind to die by being run over, and now that I've done it I'm satisfied."

The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed, but the services will probably be held from the home of her mother, 221 Seventh Street southwest, tomorrow.

## CHILDREN RUN HOME WHEN CURFEW RINGS

Georgetown Citizens' Association Proposes Drastic Law as to Streets and Theaters.

The District Commissioners today received from the Georgetown Citizens' Association a copy of the curfew law which the association "hopes will reverse the immediate favorable indorsement of the Commissioners."

The bill makes it unlawful for any person under fifteen years of age to be on the streets, alleys, or other public places of the District unattended after 8 o'clock in the winter and 9 o'clock in the summer. The exception that the children may play on the pavement in front of their parents' houses. The children are to be warned of the curfew time by the "ringing of bells in suitable places."

It also is made unlawful for any person under sixteen years of age to read newspapers in the District unless that person shall have obtained from the Board of Education a license to sell papers. This license would cost 5 cents.

"The managers of theaters and other places of amusement are forbidden to admit to such places any person under sixteen years of age unless that person be attended by a parent or guardian."

Commissioner Macfarland has recommended that the bill be referred to the Corporation Council, the Board of Police, and the Mayor and Superintendent of Police for their suggestions.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 25.—Alexander Harding applied to the superintendent of the poor today for relief. When an inspector visited the Harding home he found twenty-four barefooted children, besides the husband and wife, destitute.

All had been begging for a living during the winter, and the neighbors say that a number of the children travel for miles barefooted in a half-starved condition, begging for something to eat. Harding will be provided with work by the county, and the children will be cared for.

## FORSTER BABY GIRL THRIVES IN INCUBATOR

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—Marjorie Elizabeth Forster, a great-grandchild of John Miller, the second governor of Missouri, lives in an incubator and promises to develop into a healthy child of normal size.

Her father, Dr. David Forster, has sent of his medical friends to advise him about her case. Two trained nurses who have had experience in caring for incubator babies take turns in watching over the little one.

Marjorie's twin brother lived only a few hours after his birth, but the girl is considerably stronger than he was.

## NEGRO WAS ASSAULTED BY SOME UNKNOWN MAN

Suffering from a fracture of the skull, John C. Jackson, a negro, was found in an alley between Seventh and Eighth, L and M Streets northwest, at a late hour Saturday night and sent to the Homeopathic Hospital by the police of the Second precinct. He received treatment at the institution and regained consciousness, but was unable to tell the physicians today who struck him. The police arrested several negro suspects, but Jackson failed to identify them and they were released.

## SAY ONCE SAM IS FOOLED BY SULTAN

Payment of America's Claims on Turkey for Armenian Outrages Shrewdly Deferred.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 25.—In diplomatic circles the American Government is made fun of "because the Sultan actually deflected the payment of pressing that old bill" damages American citizens suffered during the Armenian slaughter, ordered by his majesty.

Now that the Sultan is buying warships in America, President Roosevelt cannot in decency ask him to pay up, say the diplomats, "so the Sultan gets his money's worth very cheaply. It costs him nothing if he can contrive to delay paying the American claims."

## THREE NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE

Nominations were received by the Senate from the President this afternoon as follows:

War.—To be brigadier general on the retired list: Col. Timothy E. Wilcox, assistant surgeon general.

Edward S. Wilson, for the District of Porto Rico.

Postoffice.—To be postmaster: G. J. Crook, at Falls City, Neb.

## AMERICANS GRAB ROYAL "RELIC."

LONDON, April 25.—King Edward recently left some cherry stones on his table at a public function. The moment he left the table a crowd of American ladies scrambled for them. Among the object, it is said, of handing them down to their descendants as family heirlooms.

## Gail for Democratic Primary and Convention.

Acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Subcommittee of the Democratic National Committee on the District of Columbia, we do hereby designate Thursday, the 5th day of May, 1904, between the hours of five (5) and ten (10) o'clock p. m., as the time for holding the Democratic Primary Election in the District of Columbia for the purpose of electing three persons to serve as delegates and three persons to serve as alternates from each of the twenty-two legislative districts in the District of Columbia, to represent the votes of said legislative districts in the District Democratic Convention, which said Convention shall be held at the Lafayette Theater, Washington, D. C., on the 12th day of May, 1904, to elect six persons to serve as delegates and six persons to serve as alternates to represent the Democratic voters of the District of Columbia in the Democratic National Convention, to be held in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on the 6th day of July, 1904, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, to elect a Democratic Central Committee for the District of Columbia, and to transact such other business as may come before said convention.

EDWIN SEFTON, Chairman.

J. L. LUDSWORTH GORDON, COFFEE T. BRIDE, HENRY S. MATTHEWS.

Democratic Election Committee on District of Columbia.

## DEMOCRATIC POLLING PLACES.

- Districts:
1. Harrison Street, Anacostia.
  2. 1018 7th Street, N. W.
  3. 3401 M Street, N. W.
  4. 1212 31st Street, N. W.
  5. 2107 Pa. Avenue, N. W.
  6. 814 19th Street, N. W.
  7. 1403 Q Street, N. W.
  8. S.E. Cor. 14th & V Sts. N.W.
  9. 1203 New York Ave. N. W.
  10. 1212 E Street, N. W.
  11. 408 11th Street S. W.

## MAIN FEATURES OF THE BAZAAR

Prices of Women's Wear to Be Kept Low.

### DETAILS NEARLY COMPLETE

Society Experiences the Keenest Anticipation of the Coming Event—"Belmont" Will Be Crowded.

For the price of a 50-cent ticket each Washingtonian may see the wonders of Countess Cassini's Russian bazaar, and she would like it distinctly understood that all of the articles must be sold, and, therefore, the prices will be kept down to a most conservative basis. In fact, the fetching direct from Paris to the Barber place in Fourteenth Street, will cost not a cent more than they would in a Washington shop.

All the features of the show are rapidly being brought to a focus, and women are well prepared for their respective features of the show. Between the hours of 4 and 6, Mrs. Bessie Stewart Hooker's Cafe Chantant will be in full blast, a dance of the nations being the principal attraction promised. Miss Leering will be obliged with an Indian dance, the Misses Fremont will be seen in Dutch terpsichore, and the children of Captain Boutakoff will win the plaudits of the multitude with Russian dances.

In the cafe refreshments will be served by Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, at the head of the fashionable set. There will be a \$3 dinner served to the guests who have that amount remaining after they escape from the flower booths and the sales tables, and for those who do not feel quite equal to that figure, a dollar meal will be served.

### Show of Many Features.

The delights enumerated make a small forecast of the many attractions of the fair. There will be raffish wheels of fortune, grab bags, and auctions for articles of value ranging all the way from pianos to papers of pins. Lovely specimens of the countess and her friends will be sold to the highest bidders.

The advance sale of tickets and contributions in cash has already totaled up more than \$10,000, and before the bazaar is over, the countess expects to gather in \$20,000 to send across the sea for the assistance of the wounded Russian and Japanese soldiers. That the function has the approval of the highest officials and society leaders is evidenced by the list of patrons and patronesses, which is headed by Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay.

The place selected for the fête is "Belmont," the mansion of Mrs. Anzi Barber, corner of Fourteenth Street and Florida Avenue, situated on one of the hills overlooking the city. No handsomer site could have been secured. Workmen by the score are now converting the splendid lawns and groves into a vision of fairyland.

### Dispute on Price.

The only rift in the lace, thus far reported, is in the art department. The students of the Corcoran Art School are clamoring that the countess pay the \$50 she promised for the best poster. One of the students, Miss Clements, handed the countess a picture of a woman, instead of receiving \$50, the countess will give only \$15.

G. Fischer, chairman of the art committee that passed upon the designs submitted, claims that Miss Clements' picture was not accepted at all. Another artist "who could draw" was employed to make the poster, and, Mr. Fischer says, he recommends that Miss Clements be given \$15 for submitting the best design from the school.

## BRIGHTWOOD'S MAD DOG SCARE IS NOW ENDED

Brightwood's mad dog scare came to an abrupt end yesterday morning when Sergeant Murphy, of the police precinct, shot the canine reptile missing by Dr. Buckingham. After killing the animal he adjusted a rope about its neck and dragged it to the Tenth Street station. It was afterward turned over to the officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry for a post-mortem examination conducted by the scientists today.

## CANAL MUST BE BUILT BY BLACK OR YELLOW

William Manning O'Brien, a prominent construction engineer of Salt Lake City, has just returned from a walking trip across the Isthmus of Panama. He was introduced to the President this morning by Senator Kearns of Utah. Mr. O'Brien expresses the belief that no white man will be able to do the manual labor in the canal work.

"The men who handle the picks and shovels there," he said, "will have to be either negroes or coolies. The climate will prove trying for white laborers."

## DIED.

WIMMER—On Sunday, April 24, 1904, at 11:30 a. m., FRANK M. WIMMER, husband of Jennie M. Wimmer (nee Tyrer).

Funeral at late residence, 1908 New Hampshire Avenue, 10 a. m., Tuesday, the 25th instant. Friends and acquaintances invited. Burial private.

## DEATH RECORD.

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Brown, Fannie, 44, months, Children's Hospital.  
Burke, Stevenson, 70, Shoreham Hotel.  
Campbell, Jas. C., 62, 511 East Capitol St.  
Colbert, James, 61, Washington Asyl. Hospital.  
Dean, Sarah, 12, 307 Wilson St.  
Fitz, George W., 29, 812 10th St. N. W.  
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Johnson, Mary E., 38, 1609 17th St. N. W.  
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Kling, Celia, 58, Homeopathic Hospital.  
Emmanuel, 2, 44 Franklin St.  
Marlow, Alfred H., 75, U. S. Treasury Dept.  
Moore, Abraham, 54, Washington Asyl. Hosp.  
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Rodier, Mrs. Bessie, 37, Providence Hospital.  
Sagel, Antonio, 50, 1714 1/2 St. N. W.  
Smith, Mary, 22, 120 C St. S. W.  
Tanner, Charles, 44, 911 23rd St.  
Wesberg, Jennie, 29, Shelby Hospital.  
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## QUINLAN SOUGHT TO END HIS LIFE

Shoots Himself Twice in the Head.

### PRINTING OFFICE EMPLOYE

Was Distracted Over Financial Entanglements—Will Most Likely Recover.

Driven to distraction and despondency over financial entanglements, John F. Quinlan, employed in the Government Printing Office, made two determined and distinct efforts to kill himself by firing bullets into his head. Both attempts proved futile and he now lies in a ward in the Casualty Hospital suffering from slight wounds and will recover.

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning while in his room and thinking his troubles over he decided that death was the best way out of his predicament, and, putting the muzzle of a .22-caliber revolver to the top of his head, fired. He then laid upon his bed and awaited death. It did not lodge in the brain but inflicted a slight scalp wound, struck the skull and bounced off to the wall.

### Aim Was Unsteady.

Disgusted with his unsteady nerve, he fired the weapon aside. After waiting as long as he could for the "grim reaper" he again mustered up courage and, picking up the weapon, made a second attempt to end his life. This time he placed the muzzle of the revolver behind his ear, but the bullet plowed through the scalp for several inches and refused to penetrate the skull. The man was found by T. A. Long in the house, 200 E Street northwest, and the police removed him to the Casualty Hospital. The physicians there said his injuries were painful but not serious.

## NAILED OLD MAN'S FEET TO BOARD

Tragedy Occurred Across the Missouri Line—Body Thrown in Corncrib.

HAMBURG, Iowa, April 25.—John C. Goodlow, an honest old negro, is dead as the result of a fiendish practical joke perpetrated by a number of young men a few nights ago. Nevertheless a coroner's jury certified that death was due to "natural causes."

Goodlow came to his death as a result of tortures and torments at the hands of his white companions, who, as a joke, accused him of an imaginary crime.

### Frightened the Negro.

After trying him with ropes and nailing his feet to a board they covered him with wood and shavings and placed a rag saturated with kerosene near his nose. Then they poured over him a bucket of water, telling him it was kerosene, and pretended they were going to light it.

Just then the old man's cries suddenly ceased. The jokers realized that their fun had been carried too far. They removed the debris and began to untie the negro, when they discovered that he was dead. His body was carried quietly away and dumped into a corncrib, where he was found the next day.

The tragedy occurred across the Missouri line, near what is known as the State Line saloon, the proprietor of which has disappeared from the neighborhood.

Goodlow was sixty-one years old, and had lived here for twenty-six years. He always provided well for his family.

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OFFER NO. 2.—To send three people not employed by the District or National Government collecting, respectively, the greatest number of St. Louis Exposition coupons to the World's Fair for one week and pay all expenses. [Note.—Contestants not in the employ of the District or National Government must use the coupon with light border.]

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### AUCTION SALES.

BY VIRTUE of a certain chattel deed of trust, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the auction room of Walter E. Williams & Co., 1021 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C., on SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1904, at 10 o'clock P. M. Books for the transfer of stock will be closed on May 4, 1904.  
C. B. RHEEM, auctioneer.

WALTER E. WILLIAMS & CO., Auctioneers, 1021 St. and Pennsylvania Ave. N. W., will sell, APRIL 30, 1904, at 10 O'CLOCK, all goods stored with United States Store Company in the annex to Bowers, J. F. Frisby, Carrie Neal, W. H. Matthews, Jennie Smith, and George Fox.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Criswell Chemical Company, of Washington, D. C., will be held at the company's offices, 1905 14th St. N. W., on THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1904, at 10 O'CLOCK P. M. Books for the transfer of stock will be closed on May 4, 1904.  
C. B. RHEEM, secretary.

SPECIAL AND LEGAL NOTICES.—Herman E. Gasch, of Gasch Bros. and Harry C. Birge, secretary Riggs Fire Insurance Co., hereby give notice of their partnership under the true name of Gasch & Birge, in the real estate and insurance business.  
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